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## DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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**DATE:** August 2, 2005

**TO:** DISTRIBUTION

**FROM:** Steve Lindsay, Deputy City Engineer-Land Development Review Division

**SUBJECT:** Revised Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) Review Policy

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All projects that propose to disturb soil or that propose potential impacts to storm water quality within the City of San Diego are required to be classified as High, Medium or Low Priority according to the Storm Water Requirements Applicability Checklist (Form DS-560) and must include erosion control sheets, with all applicable notes and details, on all permitted City D-Sheet plan sets that will be reviewed by the Drainage & Grades Review Section at the Development Services Department. The City has provided all required SWPPP notes (if applicable) and erosion control notes on the Grading and Improvement Plan Drawing Templates that are available for download on the Development Services Department section of the City website at [www.SanDiego.gov](http://www.SanDiego.gov).

According to requirements of the State of California, Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), Order No. 2001-01, NPDES NO. CAS0108758, as issued to the County of San Diego, the incorporated Cities within the County of San Diego, and the San Diego Unified Port District; the municipal review of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) report is not required for private development construction permits.

Municipal permitting process requirements in Section F.1.b of the Permit state that; "Prior to project approval and issuance of local permits, Copermittees shall require each proposed project to implement measures to ensure that pollutants and runoff from the development will be reduced to the maximum extent practicable and will not cause or contribute to an exceedance of receiving water quality objectives, and that each Copermittee shall further ensure that all development will be in compliance with the Copermittee storm water ordinances, local permits, all other applicable ordinances and requirements, and this [Order No. 2001-01] Order."

Given that the review of a project SWPPP is not a requirement of the State Permit, coupled with the fact that it is not a static document in that it is subject to changes driven by daily construction activities and/or field conditions, the City of San Diego will no longer require that a SWPPP be submitted with every project that is subject to the requirements of the State Permit. However, at the discretion of the Drainage & Grades Review Section, a SWPPP may be required if it is determined that storm water quality impacts are of an acute nature due to project site conditions and/or locations that might warrant closer scrutiny.

All projects that are subject to the requirements of the State Permit must notify the State via a Notice of Intent (NOI) and prepare a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). It is highly recommended that for projects that are subject to the requirements of the State Permit, the NOI is sent to the State with all applicable

exhibits and fees as early in the project design and development phase as possible so that delays in the permitting process are not an issue.

As of the date of this Notice projects submitted to the Land Development Review Division that are subject to the requirements of the State Permit shall include of a copy of the RWQCB response letter that acknowledges the receipt of a NOI and references the Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) number for the specific project, or if part of a larger project that is under the same ownership, the WDID for the larger project. The WDID number shall also be added under a separate heading titled “WDID NUMBER” on the title sheet of all applicable grading and/or improvement plans prior to permit issuance.

If there are any questions regarding the specifics of City of San Diego implementation of the requirements of the State Permit, please contact Steve Lindsay at (619) 446-5098.

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